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SUBJECT: DAYAN URGES EC TO CONSULT WITH ISRAEL

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 15990; (B) BRUSSELS 16579

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN MET NOVEMBER 10 WITH THE
AMBASSADORS FROM THE EC MEMBER STATES AND URGED THAT
THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSULT WITH ISRAEL
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ON MIDDLE EAST POSITIONS THEY ADOPT. ACCORDING TO THE
RADIO ISRAEL REPORT OF THE MEETING, "DAYAN CAUTIONED THAT
THE EUROPEAN DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS WAS BEING TRANSFORMED
INTO A POLITICAL ONE AND 'THE MINIMUM ISRAEL COULD ASK
FOR IS CONSULTATION.' DAYAN PROTESTED AGAINST THE
MARKET GOVERNMENTS' RECENT UN VOTE AGAINST ISRAELI
SETTLEMENTS IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES, NOTING

THAT THE US HAD ABSTAINED, SINCE THIS RESOLUTION
TERMED THOSE TERRITORIES AS 'PALESTINIAN' IN CONTRA-
VENTION OF UN RESOLUTION 242."

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE MEETING WITH DANIEL LEROY,
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BELGIAN EMBASSY, WHO TOLD US THAT
THE BI-ANNUAL MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
POLITE FORMALITY. DAYAN OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY RE-
VIEWING ISRAELI PERCEPTIONS OF THE LEBANESE SITUATION
AND THE GENEVA PROCESS, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION
AND ANSWER SESSION. THE EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS SPOKE MORE
OR LESS AS A GROUP IN ADDRESSING QUESTIONS TO THE
MINISTER. DAYAN COMPLAINED ABOUT "POLITIZATION" OF THE
EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND CRITICIZED EUROPE'S VOTES ON THE
SETTLEMENTS RESOLUTION, CLAIMING THE MEMBERS COULD HAVE
ABSTAINED AS DID THE US. LEROY SAID THAT EC MISSIONS
HERE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES
LESS IMPORTANCE TO THE NINE THAN THE ALIGNMENT GOVERNMENT
DID. THEY BELIEVE THIS IS SHOWN BY DAYAN'S CASUAL
ATTITUDE TOWARD MEETING THE COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS AS A
GROUP. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR BI-LATERAL RE-
LATIONS WHICH ARE GENERALLY IMPROVING BETWEEN THE
INE AND ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: DAYAN'S STATEMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH
THE ISRAELI POSITION THAT, ALTHOUGH JERUSALEM MIGHT NOT
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ALWAYS AGREE WITH POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE COMMUNITY,
THE GOI IS ENTITLED TO CONSULTATION AND WARNING TIME.
DAYAN'S MESSAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO IN-
FLUENCE THE EC 9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING OF NOVEMBER
16-17, WHICH WAS TO REVIEW THE OCTOBER 26-28 EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE AND THE COMMUNITY'S ROLE IN THE UPCOMING
MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN THE UN. IT APPEARS
FROM REF B THAT DAYAN'S IMPACT ON THE FORMER WAS MINIMAL.
WE WOULD ONLY ADD THAT, IF OUR BELGIAN CONTACT'S
ESTIMATE OF THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S OPINIONS OF THE
COMMUNITY IS CORRECT, THAT OPINION HAS PROBABLY NOT BEEN
ENHANCED BY THE WAY IN WHICH THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS
APPEARED TO BE DOMINATED BY FRANCE IN THEIR EFFORTS
YESTERDAY TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE SADAT VISIT. (SEE
BRUSSELS 16841 AND PARIS 34109)
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